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SUBJECT: CAMBODIAN RESUPPLY: NINTH UPDATE

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1. THIS IS THE NINTH UPDATE OF THE CAMBODIAN RESUPPLY EFFORT. LIKE REFTEL IT DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A FULL PROGRESS REPORT BUT FOCUSSES ON SPECIFIC PROBLEM AREAS, RECENT DEVELOPMENTS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS. ACTIONS WE BELIEVE ARE NOW REQUIRED ARE LISTED IN EACH SECTION, AND WHEN APPROPRIATE SUGGESTED ACTION AGENCY IS INDICATED.

PART I - AMMUNITION

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2. AS OF 9 MARCH 1974 AMMUNITION STOCKS AT THE KANTAU DEPOT COMPLEX TOTALED 11,200 S/T. THIS REPRESENTS AN IMPROVEMENT OF 2,700 S/T OVER THE AMOUNT LAST REPORTED. THE STOCKAGE OBJECTIVE IS 30 DAYS OF SUPPLY WHICH, AT PRESENT AND FORECASTED EXPENDITURE, EQUATES TO 18,000 S/T. DELIVERY PERFORMANCE AND IMPLEMENTATION OF SCOOT/T DIRECT TRANSHIPMENT PROCEDURES WHICH ELIMINATED PORT LOADING DELAYS.

3. CONSTRUCTION OF ADDITIONAL STORAGE AT THE DEPOT COMPLEX IS APPROXIMATELY 80 P/C COMPLETE. REMAINING WORK CONSISTS OF EMPLACEMENT AND COMPACTION OF LATERITE SURFACE ON EXISTING PADS AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF ADEQUATE DRAINAGE NETWORKS. EFFORT CONTINUES BUT PROGRESS ERRATIC, DEPENDENT UPON AVAILABILITY OF EARTH-HAULING EQUIPMENT AND SECURITY OF LATERITE FILL SOURCES OUTSIDE OF PHNOM PNEH. AMMUNITION IS PRESENTLY BEING EMPLACED IN APPROXIMATELY 50 P/C OF THE PARTIALLY COMPLETED PADS.

4. ON 6-7 MARCH 1974 A MEETING WAS HELD AT USSAG TO DISCUSS SOFTWARE REQUIREMENTS FOR COMPUTER SUPPORT TO MEDTC AMMUNITION PROGRAM. AT THE MEETING, MEDTC PRESENTED REQUIREMENTS DESIGNED TO AUTOMATE REPORTING AND ACCOUNTING AS WELL AS PRODUCE AMMUNITION MANAGEMENT DATA USING THE USSAG COMPUTER AND A REMOTE INPUT-OUTPUT TERMINAL. IT WAS ESTIMATED, BY USSAG, THAT 36 MAN MONTHS WOULD BE REQUIRED TO BUILD THE SOFTWARE. A WORKING GROUP WAS FORMED AND PLANS WERE LAID TO PERFORM A SYSTEM ANALYSIS TO REFINE HARDWARE REQUIREMENTS AND INITIATE SOFTWARE DESIGN. THE FIRST WORKING GROUP MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR 1 APRIL 1974 AT USSAG. IN VIEW OF ESCALATED CONSUMPTION AND FISCAL CONSTRAINTS COMPUTER ASSISTANCE TO MAP-CB AMMUNITION MANAGEMENT IS CONSIDERED ESSENTIAL IN ORDER TO FREE LIMITED PERSONNEL FROM MANUAL ACCOUNTING AND ALLOW TIME FOR FIELD INSPECTIONS.

5. IN ORDER TO FUND AMMUNITION REQUIREMENTS AT THE CURRENT LEVEL OF CONSUMPTION DURING THE REMAINDER OF FY 74, APPROXIMATELY \$28 MILLION IN ADDITIONAL FUNDS WILL BE REQUIRED. IN THE EVENT ADDITIONAL FUNDS ARE NOT MADE AVAILABLE, A RATIONING PLAN HAS BEEN DEVISED WHICH WILL REDUCE DELIVERIES BY 25 P/C OF FORECASTED REQUIREMENTS, AND FANK WILL BE ENJOINED TO CONTROL EXPENDITURES CONSISTENT WITH RATIONED DELIVERY RATES. THE SEVERITY OF THE RATIONING IS A FUNCTION OF THE IMPLEMENTATION DATE AND THE 25 P/C PROPOSED
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REDUCTION APPLIES TO A 20 MARCH START DATE. IF THE DECISION TO RATION IS DEFERRED BEYOND 20 MARCH, THE RATIONED SUPPLY RATE MUST BE FURTHER REDUCED. IF NO ADDITIONAL FUNDS ARE MADE AVAILABLE AND IF AMMUNITION IS NOT RATIONED, CURRENT FUNDING WILL BE EXHAUSTED ON 14 JUNE 1974.

6. THE FOLLOWING DATA REPRESENT AMMO DELIVERIES VIA THE MEKONG LOC FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 1974. ACTUAL DELIVERIES ARE AS SHOWN

TRHOUGH TP-74 (8 MARCH) WITH PROJECTIONS FOR THE REMAINING MARCH
CONVOYS:

CONVOY	DATE	TONS AMMO
TP-74	8 MAR	7254
TP-75	13 MAR	2673
TP-76	23 MAR	3750
PROPOSED SPECIAL	25 MAR	4350
TP-77	31 MAR	5450

7. ACTIONS REQUIRED:

- A. MAKE AVAILABLE \$28 MILLION IN ADDITIONAL FUNDS TO INSURE AMMUNITION RESUPPLY TO 14 JULY 1974. (CHMEDTC 260917Z FEB)
- B. PROVIDE ASSISTANCE, AS REQUIRED, TO EXPEDITE DEVELOPMENT OF COMPUTER SOFTWARE FOR CB-MAP AMMUNITION MANAGEMENT AND ASSIST IN APPROVAL AND ACCELERATED DELIVERY OF HARDWARE FOR THE PHNOM PENH REMOTE ACCESS TERMINAL. (CHMEDTC 121700Z FEB)
- C. SCHEDULE SPECIAL CONVOY TO ARRIVE PHNOM PENH 25 MAR 74 WITH 4350 S/T AMMUNITION. DELIVERY REQUIRED TO PREVENT SERIOUS END OF MONTH DRAWDOWN WHICH WOULD RESULT IN NET DECREASE OF ON HAND STOCKS AT END OF MONTH. (THIS EMBASSY WILL INITIATE NECESSARY ACTION)

PART II - PETROLEUM

8. MILITARY PETROLEUM

- A. DAYS OF SUPPLY OF MILITARY PRODUCT WAS OF 11 MAR 1974 ARE AS FOLLOWS: MOGAS - 79.2; ADO - 75.7; AVGAS 115/145 - 11.5; JP-4 - 63.3 (OUT TARGET IS 60 DAYS SUPPLY OF ALL MILITARY POL).
- B. EXCEPT FOR AVGAS 115/145 THESE LEVELS ARE QUITE SATISFACTORY. DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD THE STOCK OF AVGAS 115/145 DROPPED TO 11.5 DAYS, WHICH REFLECTS AMUCH HIGHER CONSUMPTION RATE THAN PRVIOUSLY. WE ARE LOOKING URGENTLY INTO CONFIDENTIAL

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THIS SHARP DRAW-DOWN AND WILL REPORT FINDINGS ASAP BY SEPTTEL.

- C. THE SHIPMENT OF JP-4, MOGAS AND ADO FROM BANGKOK TO BATTAMBANG HAS BEEN WORKED OUT. ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE TRANSITING OF AVGAS 115/145 THROUGH THAILAND TO BATTAMBANG ARE BEING FINALIZED. SHELL SINGAPORE HAS AGREED TO SELL AVGAS 115/145 TO SHELL THAILAND MARKED FOR CAMBODIA. THIS TRANSITING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THAILAND AND THE KHMER GOVERNMENT THEY PERMITS SALE OF PRODUCT TO SHELL COMBODIA AND SUBSEQUENT TRANSIT ACROSS THE BORDER TO THAILAND. THE FIRST DELIVERY OF THIS AVGAS IS DUE IN BANGKOK ON 12 MAR 1974.

D. ACTIONS REQUIRED:

- (1) CONTINUE TO PRESS FOR THE SUCCESSFUL TRANSIT OF AVGAS 115/145 TO BATTAMBANG (THIS EMBASSY AND OUR EMBASSY IN BANGKOK WILL TAKE ACTION).
- (2) PURSUE OUR INQUIRY INTO REASONS FOR DROP IN

MILITARY AVGAS STOCKS. (ACTION BY THIS EMBASSY,
RESULTS ASAP BY SEPTTEL.)

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9. CIVILIAN PETROLEUM

A. CIVILIAN POL STATUS

THE BUILD-UP STOCK LEVELS FOR THE CIVILIAN SECTOR
HAVE NOT YET BEEN ACHIEVED (OBJECTIVE IS 60 DAYS SUPPLY
OF ADO, 30 DAY SUPPLY OF MO AND KO AND 45 DAY SUPPLY FOR
OTHER CIVILIAN FUELS). AS OF MARCH 9 AND CONSIDERING
ADO/DO INTERCHANGEABILITY, ONLY THE MOGAS TARGET WAS
REALIZED. BASED ON A REDUCED CONSUMPTION FIGURE (I.E.,
UNDER CONSERVATIONS MEASURES) AS OF MARCH 9 WE HAD THE
FOLLOWING APPROXIMATE DAYS OF SUPPLY ON HAND: MO 57,
KO 7, ADO 40, IDO 41, FO 14, JP-1 30, AVGAS 34.
THESE FIGURES DO NOT INCLUDE THE ESTIMATED 1200-1400
CUBIC METERS PER MONTH OF DO/FO WHICH WILL BE USED FOR

BUNKERING OF RICE VESSELS IN NHABE FOR SHIPMENT OF RICE
FROM SAIGON AND, IF REQUIRED, FROM KOMPONG SOM. HOWEVER,
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FIGURES DO INCLUDE THE STOCKS OF DO AND FO AT THE POWER
PLANTS.

BASED ON CURRENT RATIONED CONSUMPTION AND DELIVERS
UNTIL MARCH 31ST. NUMBER OF DAYS OF SUPPLY FOR BOTH
TARGET AND PROJECTED LEVELS INDICATED IN PARENTHESES.
PHNOM PENH CIVILIAN SECTOR

TABLE I

	ON HAND	DELIVERIES	CONSUMP.	ON HAND
	3/9	3/9-3/31	3/9-3/31	4/1
MO(30)	3110	1200	1265	3045(55)
KO(30)	730	1820	2300	250(3)
ADO(60)	6400	3050	3680	5770(36)
IDO(45)	3060	567'58.	1702	1808(24)
FO(45)	1247	3040	2070	2217(25)
JPI(45)	363	400	276	487(41)
AVGAS(45)	1605	1200	1081	1724(37)
	16515	11160	12374	15301

B. AVAILABILITY OF CIVILIAN PRODUCTS FROM OIL
COMPANIES.

SHELL AND CALTEX CONTINUE TO DELIVER UNDER THEIR
RESPECTIVE CONTRACTS. IN FACT, CALTEX HAS PROVIDED
APPROXIMATELY 1,000 CUBIC METERS MORE PRODUCT DURING
FEBRUARY THAN THE CONTRACT CALLED FOR. MOREOVER, SHELL
IS PRESENTLY OFFERING SOME 7,200 CUBIC METERS OF ASSORTED
MIX (MO, ADO, KIO, AVGAS) WITH DELIVERIES TO START BY
MARCH 20. ASSUMING RETAIL PRICES ARE INCREASED, APPROXI-
MATELY 3,000 CUBIC METERS OF KO, 9,000 CUBIC METERS OF
ADON 1,000 CUBIC METERS OF FO AND 800 CUBIC METERS OF
AVGAS WILL BE NECESSARY TO ACHIEVE TARGET GOALS. IF
TELA KHMER ACCEPTS SHELL'S OFFER OR PART OF IT (WHICH
WOULD APPEAR ADVISABLE IN THAT SHELL IS LONG-TERM
COMMERCIAL SUPPLIER AND CAN OFFER PRICES WHICH ARE
20 PCT LOWER THAN DAO SAIGON), THE REQUIREMENTS ORIGINALLY
EXPECTED TO BE FILLED BY DAO MAY HAVE TO BE REVISED
DOWNWARD.

ALTHOUGH PRODUCT AVAILABILITY APPEARS TO BE IMPROVING,
THE FUNDING SITUATION IS BECOMING ACUTE. WE NOW ESTI-
MATE THAT ONLY \$4.9 MILLION OF NEW FUNDS CAN BE ALLOCATED
TO PURCHASE POL DURING THE LAST FOUR MONTHS OF FY 1974.
THIS REDUCED AVAILABILITY WILL RESULT IN A SHORTFALL OF
AT LEAST 6,000 CUBIC METERS OF PRODUCT BY THE END OF
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JUNE UNLESS CONSUMPTION CAN BE CUT FURTHER. WE ARE CONTINUING TO PRESS THE GKR TO RAISE POL PRICES IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE THIS CUT IN CONSUMPTION. THE ENTIRE FUNDING SITUATION WILL AGAIN HAVE TO BE REVIEWED WHEN THE RESPONSE TO THE TELA KHMER IFB IS KNOWN AND THE AMOUNTS AND PRICES OFFERED BY THE BIDDERS ESTABLISHED. THE BIDDING DEADLINE FOR THE IFB CONTINUES TO BE APRIL 6 BUT THE INITIAL DATE OF THE NEW ONE-YEAR CONTRACT HAS BEEN POSTPONED TO JUNE 1.

NO MATTER WHO WILL BE THE ACTUAL SUPPLIER OF THE PRODUCTS REQUIRED FOR THE BUILD-UP, WE ARE ENDEAVORING TO ACHIEVE THE TARGETS BY MAY 31, 1974. THE FOLLOWING IS THE REVISED RECAP OF OUR PROJECTIONS FOR THAT DATE.

TABLE II

	ON HAND	DELIVERIES	CONSUMP.	ON HAND
	4/1	4/1-5/31	4/1-5/31	6/1
MO(30)	3045	1000	2745	1300(29)
KO(30)	250	8000	5490	2760(31)
ADO(60)	5770	12000	8845	8925(62)
IDO(45)	1808	5600	4148	3260(48)
FO(45)	2217	6400	4880	3737(47)
JPI(45)	487	800	732	555(46)
AVGAS(45)	1724	3200	2867	2057(44)
	15301	37000	29707	22594

ABOVE IS BASED ON ESTIMATED RATE OF CONSUMPTION REFLECTING THE EFFECT OF THE RETAIL POL PRICE INCREASES (AVERAGING 10 PCT OF THE PRODUCT MIX) MENTIONED ABOVE AND PROJECTED DELIVERIES THROUGH 5/31. NUMBER OF DAYS SUPPLY OF BOTH TARGETED AND PROJECTED LEVELS ARE INDICATED IN PARENTHESIS.

THE ABOVE PROJECTION FURTHER ASSUMES THAT DELIVERIES WILL BE MADE PER CONTRACTS WITH SHELL, CALTEX, PLUS THOSE FROM STOCKS OBTAINED THROUGH DAO/SAIGON, COVERED UNDER PRESENT PA/PR AMOUNT (\$1,250,000). THE PA/PR AMOUNT MIGHT HAVE TO BE INCREASED IF SHELL IS NOT ABLE TO DELIVER THE KO, ADO, FO AND AVGAS REQUIRED FOR THE BUILD-UP. AMOUNTS TO BE KEPT AT NHABE FOR BUNKERING OF RICE SHIPS DURING THE
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E. EFFECT OF CONSERVATION MEASURES. THE CONSERVATION MEASURES SO FAR INTRODUCED CONTINUE TO BE EFFECTIVE. FURTHER INCREASES IN DOMESTIC PRICES OF PETROLEUM FUELS, (STRONGLY RUGED BY THE EMBASSY, ARE NOW IMPERATIVE TO CUT DOWN CONSUMPTION AND THUS SPEED UP THE BUILD-UP OF STOCKS.

F. SHORTAGE OF PETROLEUM PRODUCTS IN BATTAMBANG. THE RESUMPTION OF THE TRUCK CONVOYS FROM BANGKOK ON ALMOST REGULAR SCHEDULE RELIEVED THE SHORTAGES IN BATTAMBANG. NINE CONOVYS ARRIVED BETWEEN FEBRUARY 6 TO MARCH 9 BRING 4,164 CUBIC METERS OF PRODUCT MIX. APPLICATIONS FOR THE SECOND HALF OF MARCH EXPORTS, SUBMITTED BY ALL FOUR COMPANIES TO THE THAI GOVERNMENT, ARE EXPECTED TO BE APPROVED SHORTLY. AT THIS RATE OF DELIVERY THERE SHOULD BE ADEQUATE SUPPLIES OF POL IN BATTAMBANG WITHIN A FEW WEEKS' TIME.
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G. ACTION REQUIRED: (1) GKR MUST RAISE CIVILIAN POL PRICES (EMBASSY WILL PRESS FOR INCREASES SOONEST). (2) SINCE LOCAL PRESSURES AGAINST TELE KHMER FOR GREATER VOLUME OF DELIVERIES ARE INCREASING, EMBASSY WILL CONTINUE TO MONITOR DELIVERIES FROM POL TANK FARMS TO ASSURE THAT PRESCRIBED DELIVERIES ARE NOT EXCEEDED.

PART III - RICE

10. RICE STOCKS IN PHNOM PENH ON MARCH 10 REACHED 33,376 M/T AND THOSE IN KOMPONG SOM 14,721 M/T. THIS REPRESENTS AN INCREASE OF 5,000 M/T OVER THE FEBRUARY 15 AVAILABILITIES AND CORRESPONDS TO A 67 DAY IN-COUNTRY SUPPLY AT THE OFFICIAL RATION LEVEL OF 650 M/T PER DAY FOR PHNOM PENH AND 2,00 M/T PER MONTH FOR KOMPONG SOM. THE CURRENT TARGET REMAINS A 90-DAY SUPPLY.

11. ARRIVALS IN PHNOM PENH BY MEKONG CONVOY FOR THE PERIOD

FEBRUARY 16 - MARCH 11:

FEBRUARY 18 - 5,210 M/T

FEBRUARY 21 - 1,668 M/T

FEBRUARY 28 - 8,449 M/T

MARCH 8 - 4,629 M/T

TOTAL 19,956 M/T

3,700 TONS ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED FOR THE FEBRUARY 28 CONVOY WERE DELAYED AT THE FRONTIER DUE TO THE FACT VIETNAMESE CUSTOMS COULD NOT CLEAR THE VOLUME OF BOTTOMS IN TIME TO SAIL. A TOTAL OF 10 SMALL BARGES WERE UNABLE TO CONTINUE IN CONVOY. DURING THE WAITING PERIOD FOR THE NEXT CONVOY A LARGE AMOUNT OF PILFERAGE WAS REPORTED AND THE COMMANDING GENERAL, IV CORPS, IMPOUNDED THE BARGES.

12. THE NEXT CONVOYS ARE SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 15 WITH 12,000 TONS, MARCH 23 WITH 10,000 TONS AND MARCH 31 WITH 10,000 TONS. TOTAL ANTICIPATED RECEIPTS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH, BASED ON THE ABOVE ARE 36,629 M/T. TOTAL APRIL ARRIVALS IN SAIGON ARE NOW PROJECTED AT 54,000 TONS, ASSUMING THERE WILL BE NO SLIPPAGE OF OCEAN CARRIERS. AS POINTED OUT REFTEL, THE ARRIVAL OF OCEAN CARRIERS AT SAIGON IS A CRITICAL PLANNING FACTOR OVER WHICH WE HAVE NO CONTROL AND INADEQUATE ADVANCE INFORMATION.

13. NO OCEAN DELIVERIES HAVE BEEN MADE TO KOMPONG SOM DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD, AND NONE ARE PLANNED FOR THE NEXT

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TWO MONTHS SINCE THE INTERDICTION OF ROUTE 4 CONTINUES TO ELIMINATE THE POSSIBILITY OF LAND TRANSPORT TO PHNOM PENH. THE OUTLOOK FOR THE BALANCE OF MARCH IS:

PHNOM PENH

BEGINNING STOCK 3/10/74 33,376 M/T

IMPORTS 32,000 M/T

TOTAL AVAILABILITY 65,376 M/T

CONSUMPTION 13,650 M/T

ENDING STOCK 4/1/74 51,726 M/T

KOMPONG SOM

BEGINNING STOCK 14,721 M/T

IMPORTS -

TOTAL AVAILABILITY 14,721 M/T

CONSUMPTION 1,400 M/T

ENDING STOCK 13,321 M/T

WHILE TOTAL STOCKS ON APRIL 1 WILL PROVIDE A 90-DAY IN-COUNTRY SUPPLY, THAT LEVEL IN STOCKS WILL PROBABLY NOT BE REACHED IN PHNOM PENH UNTIL EARLY APRIL.

14. WHILE THE GKR HAS AS YET RECEIVED NO RESPONSE TO ITS REQUEST TO THE THAI GOVERNMENT FOR PERMISSION TO TRANSIT THAILAND WITH BATTAMBANG RICE DESTINED FOR PHNOM PENH, ARRANGEMENTS

FOR THE MOVEMENT OF 1000 M/T BATTAMBANG RICE BY TRUCK TO KOMPONG CHHNANG AND THENCE TO PHNOM PENH BY NAVAL CONVOY ARE ALMOST COMPLETED. THE NATIONAL RICE COMMITTEE HAS REVIEWED ALL ASPECTS OF THE MOVE AND HAS AGREED UPON COSTS. THE MOVE WILL BEGIN AS SOON AS COORDINATION WITH THE KHMER NAVY IS COMPLETED. IF SUCCESSFUL, THESE TRANSPORTATION ARRANGEMENTS MAY RENDER UNNECESSARY ANY MOVEMENT OF RICE THROUGH THAILAND. 620 M/T OF RICE REQUIRED FOR 30 DAYS AIRLIFT FROM UTAPAO FOR AIRDROPPING TO TAKEO AND PREY VENG IS TO BE MOVED BY TRUCK CONVOY FROM BATTAMBANG TO SAMAE SAN IMMEDIATELY UPON COMPLETION OF PRESENT NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF THAILAND.

15. ACTIONS REQUIRED: (#)

TIMELY REPORTS ON SHIP ARRIVAL DATES TO THAT CONVOYS CAN
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BE PLANNED TO MOVE RICE UP THE MEKONG WITHOUT INTERIM STORAGE IN SAIGON.

B. ARRANGE THAI APPROVAL FOR THE TRANSIT OF 620 TONS OF RICE FROM BATTAMBANG TO SAMAE SAN, THAILAND (EMBASSY BANGKOK WILL CONTINUE ITS EFFORTS).

PART IV - PORT MANAGEMENT/SECURITY

16. INCREASED AMMUNITION SHIPMENTS HAVE NECESSITATED OFFLOADING AT ONE BERTH OF THE MUNICIPAL PIER AS WELL AS THE HAZARDOUS CARGO PIER. USE OF THIS BERTH HAS GIVEN RISE TO TWO PROBLEMS: (A) IT HAS REDUCED BERTH SPACE AVAILABLE FOR RICE UNLOADING, WHICH IS NOW CRAMPED INTO THE REMAINING BERTHS ALONG THE MUNICIPAL PIER, AND (B) IT HAS ADDED TO SECURITY RISKS FOR THE AMMUNITION (DANGER OF FIRE IS GREATER BECAUSE SO MANY UNCONTROLLED PERSONS ARE CURCULATING ON THE MUNICIPAL PIER) AND ALSO FOR RICE (PILFERAGE, OWING TO THE FACT THAT RICE UNLOADING IS NOW CONCENTRATED NEAR THE CIVILIAN PASSENGER TERMINAL, WHERE CONTROL OF PERSONS HAS BEEN MINIMAL). TO REDUCE THE RISKS, THE KHMER NAVY HAS INCREASED ITS SECURITY FORCE IN THE AMMUNITION BERTH, AND THE NATIONAL POLICE HAVE BEEN REQUESTED TO ADD TO THEIR DETAIL AT THE RICE BERTHS WHILE OFFLOADING IS IN PROGRESS.

17. FURTHER TO OUR PREVIOUS REPORT, A DUTY WORK TUG NOW OPERATES CONTINUOUSLY IN THE PORT OF PHNOM PENH UNDER THE SCOOT CONTRACT. ENDERS

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